

In the Claims:

Please add new Claim 8 as indicated below. The status of all claims is as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A power steering hose comprising:  
an inner rubber layer,  
an outer rubber layer,  
at least two reinforcing layers inserted between the inner and outer rubber layers, and  
an intermediate rubber layer interposed between the adjacent reinforcing layers, the reinforcing layers composed of twisted cords of organic fibers, wherein the twisted cords have an intermediate elongation at 0.85cN/dtex of 2.2 to 5.0%, an elongation at break of 8 to 19% and a number of twists of 15 to 30/10 cm, respectively.
2. (Original) The power steering hose according to claim 1, wherein the elongation at break of the twisted cords ranges from 13 to 19%.
3. (Original) The power steering hose according to claim 1, wherein the organic fibers are one type of fibers selected from the group consisting of nylon fibers, polyester fibers, polyvinyl alcohol fibers and polyketone fibers.

4. (Original) The power steering hose according to anyone of claims 1, 2 and 3, wherein the twisted cords have a single-twist structure.

5. (Previously Presented) The power steering hose according to anyone of claims 1, 2 and 3, wherein the twisted cords have a double-twist structure in which a plurality of primary twisted cords is twisted together with final twists in a same twist direction of the primary twisted cords.

6. (Original) The power steering hose according to claim 4, wherein the reinforcing layers are formed by braids of the twisted cords.

7. (Original) The power steering hose according to claim 5, wherein the reinforcing layers are formed by braids of the twisted cords.

8. (New) The power steering hose according to claim 1;  
wherein the elongation at break of the twisted cords ranges from 15.9 to 18.5%;  
and  
further wherein the number of twists of the twisted cords is 20/10 cm.